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1. SUMMARY. SECRETARIAT MET INFORMALLY WITH OECD DELEGATION REPRESENTATIVES JUNE 19 TO DISCUSS AGENDA JULY 1-3 ENVCOM MEETING. KEY ITEMS: (A) PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL; (B) TRANSFRONTIER POLLUTION (TFP); (C) ENERGY; (D) 1975 PROGRAM. ACTION: US SHOULD BE PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN TWO ENVCOM PANEL DRAFTING SESSIONS DURING JULY 1-3 MEETING ON TFP AND ENERGY RESPECTIVELY (SEE PARAS 2, 4 BELOW) AND MAY WISH TO AUGMENT DELEGATION ACCORDINGLY. END SUMMARY.

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2. PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENT MINISTERIAL. (A) DRAFT DECLARATION ON ENV POLICY, ENV/MIN/74.6. RODERICK REPORTED CONSIDERABLE MEMBER-COUNTRY DISSATISFACTION WITH EXISTING PAPER. SECRETARIAT WILL THEREFORE PREPARE TWO DRAFT SUBSTITUTE DECLARATIONS (FOR DESPATCH TO MEMBER-COUNTRIES JUNE 26) TO BE CONSIDERED JULY 1. FIRST SUBSTITUTE PAPER WILL BE STRENGTHENED SUMMARY OF ENV/MIN/74.6. SECOND WILL LARGELY USE SELECTION OF TEXTS FROM ACTION PROPOSALS. ENVCOM DISCUSSION WILL HOPEFULLY RESOLVE SITUATION NOTED REF (B) PARA 3. (B) ACTION PROPOSALS. CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION EXPECTED BEFORE FINAL AGREEMENT REACHED. IN PARTICULAR, ENVCOM WILL SET UP TWO PANELS TO DEAL WITH ACTION PROPOSALS ON TFP AND ENERGY RESPECTIVELY. PER REF(B) PARA 2, USOECD SUGGESTS US BE PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE BOTH PANELS, WHICH MAY REQUIRE ADDING US TFP AD HOC GROUP MEMBER OR EQUIVALENT TO DELEGATION. IN CONNECTION THIS TOPIC, SECRETARIAT AND EC DELS PRESENT THINK THAT TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED JUNE 27 MEETING EC ENV MINISTERS VERY UNLIKELY. EVEN IF POSTPONED, HOWEVER, EC INTENTIONS WITH RESPECT FIELDS COVERED BY OECD ACTION PROPOSALS SHOULD BE FED INTO ENVCOM DISCUSSIONS TO ENSURE COMPATIBILITY. (C) ISSUES PAPER, ENV/MIN/74.5 1ST REVISION. GENERAL FEELING THAT PERHAPS MORE EMPHASIS NEEDED ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS OF ENERGY, BOTH IN ISSUES PAPER AND ACTION PROPOSAL. CLARIFICATION OF OECD ROLE IN RESOLUTION OF SHORT-TERM ENERGY PROBLEMS SEEN TO BE CRUCIAL THIS RESPECT.

3. TRANSFRONTIER POLLUTION (TFP). FOLLOWING RESPONDS TO REFTEL (B). COPIES ANNEX VIII TO ENV/MIN(74)7,1ST REVISION (TFP ACTION PROPOSALS FOR ENVCOM MINISTERIAL) AND SECRETARIAT EXPLANATORY NOTES THEREON, AIRPOUCHED PORTER EPA. (A) NETHERLANDS MISSION HAS ADVISED DUTCH AUTHORITIES TO ACCEPT TFP ACTION PROPOSALS AS USEFUL INTERIM POSITION, WITH HOPEFUL STRENGTHENING OF DECLARA-

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RATION ON LIABILITY AT LATER DATE, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE. OFFICIAL DUTCH POSITION WILL NOT BE KNOWN BEFORE MORNING JULY 1. (B) SECRETARIAT HAS SCHEDULED MEETING WITH SPANISH OECD REPS TO DISCUSS SPECIFIC PROBLEMS, AND PROMISES INFORM USOEDC PRIOR JULY 1-3 ENVCOM MEETING. (C) DEPARTMENT'S UNDERSTANDING REF TEL PARA 3 CORRECT. ANNEX VIII ESTABLISHES PRINCIPLES; DRAFT DECLARATION WILL INCLUDE APPROXIMATELY FOLLOWING: "GOVERNMENTS DECLARED THAT THEY SHOULD COOPERATE TO SOLVE TFP PROBLEMS IN SPIRIT OF INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY, BASED ON PRINCIPLES OF NON-DISCRIMINATION, EQUAL RIGHTS OF HEARING, INFORMATION AND CONSULTATION.

4. ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT, ENV(74)19. ENVCOM WILL SET UP PANEL TO FINALIZE ENERGY REPORT AND ENERGY ACTION PROPOSAL FOR ENVCOM MINISTERIAL. ENERGY AND TFP UNCLASSIFIED

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PANELS WILL REPORT AFTERNOON JULY 3.

5. 1975 PROGRAM. RODERICK NOTED THAT AT BEST 1975 BUDGET EXPECTED TO BE HELD AT 1974 REAL RESOURCES LEVEL. ENV(74)18 (OVERALL PROGRAM) AND ENV(74)17 (RE-ORIENTED SCCE PROGRAM) FOUND GENERALLY SATISFACTORY AS ANTICIPATION OF GENERAL PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS BY ENVCOM MINISTERIAL.
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